priority basis together with phasing;

iv) Identify a technological and interdisciplinary research plan for the water sector with a view to maximise the benefits;

v) To suggest physical and financial resource generation strategies for the water sector;

vi) Any other related issue.

(c) The Report is likely to be submitted in two years time.

(d) National Water Development Agency, an organisation of the Ministry of Water Resources has identified 17 water transfer links under the Peninsular Rivers Development Component and 19 under the Himalayan Rivers Development Component.

Pre-feasibility reports of all the 36 links have been completed.

Feasibility reports of 3 links under the Peninsular components namely; Par-Tapi-Narmada, Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar link and Ken-Betwa link have been completed.

Review of Ganga water sharing treaty

4255. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI S. M. KRISHNA:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have aware that a sharp decline in the discharge of water from the Farakka barrage since the first week of March has threatened to harm Calcutta Port's interests, both long and short term;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to review the Ganga water sharing treaty with Bangladesh in the national interest; and

(c) whether the matter was discussed in the meeting of the Joint River Commission held recently to review the situation over the sharing of Ganga water etc. between the two countries, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) The low flow arrival of less than 50,000 cusec at Farakka occured on 22nd March, 1997 and remained upto 4th April, 1997. The Government of India immediately initiated action for holding discussions with Bangladesh on the adjustments to be made in the sharing arrangments in compliance with Article II (iii) of the Treaty of sharing of Ganga waters at Farakka signed by India and Bangladesh on 12.12.1996.

(c) No meeting of the Joint River Commission has been held recently. However, discussions were held with Bangladesh officials in Delhi on 26th and 27th March, 1997, and at Dhaka on 6th and 7th April, 1997 but no decision could be taken. Action is now being taken to establish a procedure to tackle such situations.

जल सिंचाई परियोजनाओं पर प्रशासनिक व्यय में वृद्धि

4256. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में जल सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के संचालन और अनुरक्षण पर किये गये समग्र व्यय में प्रशासनिक शीर्ष पर किया जाने वाला व्यय कई वर्षों से निरंतर बढ़ता रहा है,

(ख) यदि हां,तो इस संबंध में सरकार का निर्धारण क्या है, और

(ग) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान इन परियोजनाओं के संचालन और अनुरक्षण पर व्यय में कितने प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) वृहद और मध्यम सिंचाई परियोजनाओं पर कार्य व्ययों (प्रशासनिक, प्रचालन और अनुरक्षण लागत, आदि) के संबंध में अद्यतन विवरण मार्च, 1994 तक उपलब्ध है। तदनुसार, सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना (1989-90) के पश्चात 1993-94 के अंत तक उप्र्युक्त उल्लिखित विवरण नीचे दिए गए हैं:

वर्ष	कुल कार्य व्यय (करोड़ रूपए)	सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंतिम वर्ष के संबंध में व्यय में हुई वृद्धि का प्रतिशत
199 91	2406.16	12.23
1991-92	2762.06	28.84
1992-93	2577.84	20.24
1993-94	3277.58	52.89

Allocation of Funds under Irrigation Scheme for Himalayan Region

4257. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated Rs. 1300'- crore under the accelerated irrigation scheme for Himalayan Region as advised by the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the details of the project against this allocation with time-frame for its implementation;

(c) whether the implementation will be through State Governments like in the case of North-Eastern Region and Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) the Government monitoring agency to ensure proper utilisation

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) A provision of Rs. 1300 Crores has been made in the budget estimates of the Ministry of Water Resources for the year 1997-98 under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for early completion of on-going projects including those of Himalayan region subject to their fulfilling the criteria laid down for the purpose.

(b) The proposal for Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under AIBP during the year 1997-98 from the State Governments have since been received. The same are under scrutiny and would be approved in consultation with the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance.

(c) The projects will be implemented by the State Governments only.

(d) The Central Water Commission and the Ministry of Programme Implementation are the monitoring agencies to ensure proper utilisation of the CLA released under AIBP.

Expenditure under the DAM safety Assurances-Rehabilitation Projects

4258. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure on remedial measures upto March, 1997 project-wise under the Dam Safety Assurance and Rehabilitation Project; and

(b) whether any monitoring has been conducted and the details of status report?